

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Tim Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This amendment was...I requested that it be printed in the Journal and there was some kind of misunderstanding because neither of the amendments that I offered got printed in the Journal but one that we adopted yesterday did get printed, and I apologize to the body for that. The amendment, if you would open your bill books to LB 704, LB 154 is a bill that was introduced by Senator Pirsch to the General Affairs Committee. It deals with the issue of a wine license. It was supported without any opposition. It was passed unanimously out to the floor, and we debated it on Select File. My amendment, and I would ask the President if I could have a little bit of a hammer.

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.)

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Proceed.

SENATOR HALL: The amendment is taking LB 704 and inserting it into LB 154. LB 704 is the bill that deals with the retail to retail sales with regard to liquor. It allows for one establishment to go to another establishment, for example, and buy a bottle of whiskey, should they run out. What I offer is the amendment, is the committee amendments that have been adopted to the bill which were an agreement that was come to terms between the liquor wholesalers and retailers. It was adopted and supported by the...and passed to the floor, by the General Affairs Committee, and it is currently sitting on General File. Now I offer the amendment, the bill to be introduced and made a part of 154 basically because I don't think 704 is going to have the opportunity to be heard yet this year. I want the body to clearly understand and know that this is not a simple amendment. It is clearly a friendly amendment, and I do not in any way want to jeopardize Senator Pirsch's bill but I think it is clearly germane to the issue, and I would ask that the committee take the time to open their books and look at the committee amendment on 704. What it does is it deals with the issue of allowing one retailer the opportunity to purchase from another retailer. In other words, the local bar when they run out of a bottle of vodka can walk across the street and go to the drug store and purchase that bottle, as opposed to having